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An ACT to dissolve the Marriage of Daniel Lascelles, of London, Merchant, with Elizabeth Southwicke, his now Wife, and to enable him to marry again, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.



UMBLY Sheweth and Complaineth to Your Most Excellent Majesty, your true and faithful Subject Daniel Lascelles, of London, Merchant.

THAT your faid Subject, on the first Day of September, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty, was unwarily (when heated with Liquor) induced to be married to Elizabeth Southwicke, his now Wife, at an unlawful Time, and in a clandestine Manner, between One and Two of the Clock in the Morning,

by and at the House of one Mr. Rider, a Clergyman, in Nevil's-Alley, Fetter-Lane, London.

THAT fuch Marriage was for fome Time kept secret from your Subject's Father, Henry Lascelles, of London, Merchant, with whom your Subject was then jointly concerned in Trade; but it being discovered, your Subject was immediately discharged by his said Father, from being concerned jointly with him in Trade; and your Subject being informed and convinced, that the said Elizabeth had, before the said Marriage, entered into and lived in an unlawful Familiarity with Henry Parminter of Lincoln's-Inn-Fields Esq; and having too much Reason to apprehend the Renewal thereof, your Subject, by the Advice of his Friends, left his said Wife in January, 1740; and on his Father's Offer to maintain him abroad, quitted England, and went and continued in France, Italy, and other foreign Parts above two Years.

THAT when your Subject so parted from his said Wise, in January 1740, he lest her in Possession of an House in Hatton-Garden, with the Furniture and Plate therein, of the Value of £ 600 and upwards; and also of Jewels and other Things, of the Value of £ 400 and upwards; besides a Loan of £ 500 which your Subject, at her Request, lent on Bond to an Acquaintance of her's, and which has never been repaid, the Debtor being become insolvent and a Bankrupt, but was mostly disposed of as she defired, and to answer her Purposes; whereby, and by Means of considerable Sums of Money and Allowances which the said Elizabeth hath

got from the Relations and Friends of your Subject, during his Absence

and fince his Return, she is more than sufficiently provided for.

THAT on your Subject's Return to England about February 1742, the said Marriage had as aforesaid, being insisted upon to be valid, he was advised to go again abroad, to the East-Indies, to reside there; but, whilst he was preparing so to do, the said Henry Parminter, on an Affidavit of a Debt from your Subject to him of £317 55. for Jewels delivered, to your Subject's said Wise, and of £31 135. for Wine and other Things furnished for her, procured a Commission of Bankrupt to issue against your Subject; which Commission, on proper Application and Payment or Deposite of the Debts claimed, being duly superseded, your Subject, after being much harrassed by such Proceedings, went from England to the East-Indies about February 1742, and there continued, and did not return from thence 'till about September 1750.

THAT your Subject, from the Time he left England in January 1740, hath never conversed, or had any Intercourse, with the said Elizabeth his Wise; neither hath she had any Child born of her Body since the aforesaid Marriage; but hath again entered into an unlawful Familiarity, and carried on an adulterous Conversation, with the said

Henry Parminter.

THAT your Subject, on the 26th Day of October 1750, did obtain, in the Confistory Court of the Bishop of London, a Definitive Sentence of Divorce from Bed and Board against his said Wife, for Adultery with the said Henry Parminter; from which Sentence she, for Delay, did appeal to the Arches Court of Canterbury; but, not proceeding on, and afterwards renouncing such her Appeal, the said Cause was, on the seventh Day of May 1751, remitted, and the said Sentence stands in full Force.

THAT the said Henry Parminter is now a Prisoner in the Fleet for Debt, and not capable to answer any Damages your Subject might recover against him, in an Action at Law, for criminal Conversation

with the faid Elizabeth.

A N D as your faid Subject's faid Wife hath, by her adulterous Behaviour, diffolved the Bond of Marriage on her Part, and your faid Subject now stands deprived of the Comforts of Matrimony, and may be exposed to have a spurious Issue to succeed him in such Estate and Essects as he now is or may become entitled to, unless the said Marriage be

declared void and annulled by Parliament.

MAY it therefore please your Most Excellent Majesty, out of your princely Goodness and Compassion to your said Subject's Missortune and Calamity, That it may be Enacted, And be it Enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by, and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled; and by the Authority of the same, That the said Bond of Matrimony being violated and broken, by the manifest and open Adultery of the said Elizabeth, be, and is from henceforth wholly dissolved, annulled, vacated, and made void, to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes whatsoever; and that it shall and may be lawful to, and for the said Daniel Lascelles, at any Time, or Times hereafter, to contract Matrimony, and to marry (as well in the Lise-time of the said Elizabeth, as if she were naturally dead) with any other Woman or Women, with whom he might lawfully

lawfully marry, in Case the said Elizabeth was not living; and that such Matrimony when had and Celebrated, shall be a good, just, and lawful Marriage and Marriages; and fo shall be adjudged, deemed, and taken to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes; and that all and every Child and Children born in such Matrimony, shall be deemed, adjudged, and taken to be born in Wedlock, and be Legitimate, and Inheritable to, and shall Inherit the Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, of the faid Daniel Lascelles, and all other Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, from and by their Fathers, Mothers, and other Ancestors, in like Manner and Form as any other Child or Children, born in lawful Matrimony, shall, or may Inherit, or be Inheritable unto, according to the Course of Inheritances used in this Realm, or in any of his Majesty's Dominions thereunto belonging; and to have and enjoy all Privileges, Pre-eminences, Benefits, Advantages, Claims, and Demands, in as full and ample Manner, as any other Child or Children born in lawful Wedlock, may have or Claim by the Laws or Customs of this Realm, or of any of his Majesty's Dominions thereunto belonging.

And be it further Enacted, That the said Daniel Lascelles shall be intitled to be Tenant by the Curtesy of the Lands and Inheritances of such Wife or Wives as he shall so marry, and such Wife or Wives as he shall so marry, shall be intitled to Dower of the Lands and Tenements whereof the said Daniel Lascelles shall be seized of such Estate whereof she or they shall be Dowable, as any other Husband or Wife respectively, may or might Claim, have or enjoy; and the Child or Children born in such Marriage or Marriages, shall and may derive and make Title by Descent or otherwise to, and from any of their Ancestors, as any other Child or Children may do, any Law, Statute, Restraint, Prohibition, Ordinance, Canon, Constitution, Prescription or Custom, had, made, executed or used to the contrary of the Premises, or any of them in any wise notwith-

standing.

And be it surther Enacted and Declared, by the Authority aforesaid, that all and every Child or Children, as well Male as Female, which
at any Time, since the last Day of January 1741, hath or have been born
of the Body of the said Elizabeth, Wise of the said Daniel Lascelles, (if
any such there be) are Bastards, and Spurious Issue, and not the lawful
Issue of the said Daniel Lascelles, on the Body of the said Elizabeth his
Wise begotten; and that no such Child so born, since the said last Day of
January 1741, nor any other Child or Children, which hereaster shall be
born of the Body of the said Elizabeth, now Wise of the said Daniel Lascelles,
shall be deemed, taken, or reputed to be the lawful Issue of the said Daniel
Lascelles, on the Body of the said Elizabeth begotten.

and be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Elizabeth, shall be, and is hereby barred and excluded of and from all Dower and Thirds, and of and from all Right and Title of Dower and Thirds, or other Claim or Demand in, to, or out of the Lands, Tenements

or Hereditaments, of the said Daniel Lascelles.

provided, That nothing in this Act contained, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to vacate or destroy any Provision made for the Maintenance, Support, or Benefit of the said Elizabeth.

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